

## **Remarks**

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 10 are rejected. Claims 12-22 are allowed. Claims 1, 10, 11, and 23 are rejected. Claims 2-9 are objected to.

Claim 2 is cancelled.

Claim 1 is amended such that the step of increasing the movement of the moveable part is accomplished by “setting the amount of movement of the moveable part to a first value when the speed of the vehicle is zero; and increasing the amount of movement as the vehicle speed increases.” This amendment includes the limitations of claim 2 which the Examiner has indicated is allowable except “monotonically increasing” is changed to “increasing” and unintentional verbiage removed - “until the amount of movement.”

### **1. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Katou et al.

Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2 (except as noted above) which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant believes that the change from “monotonically increasing” to just “increasing” is irrelevant to patentability. Claim 10 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 are now allowable under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Katou et al.

### **2. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 11 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Katou et al.

Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2 (except as noted above) which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant believes that the change from "monotonically increasing" to just "increasing" is irrelevant to patentability. Claim 10 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 are now allowable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Katou et al.

### **Conclusion**

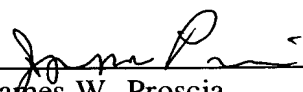
Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to each of the Examiner's rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If a telephone or video conference would help expedite allowance or resolve any additional questions, such a conference is invited at the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are required as a result of the filing of this paper. However, the Examiner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credits as a result of the filing of this paper to Ford Global Technologies, Inc.'s Deposit Account No.

06-1510 as authorized by the original transmittal letter in this case. If a telephone or video conference would help expedite allowance or resolve any additional questions, such a conference is invited at the Examiner's convenience.

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